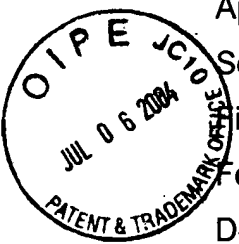


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for extension of time for a total period of one (1) month. Based on the extension requested, the extended period for response will expire on **July 19, 2004.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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